

Date | Time: February 4, 2009
Chair: Sean Cryan
Recorder: John Beaulaurier
Location: Seattle City Hall, L204

Distribution:

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Ann Boyd
- Deborah Kuznitz
- Sean Cryan
- Blake Trask
- Craig M. Benjamin
- Jeff Frkonja
- John Beaulaurier
- Sean Ardussi
- Evan Brown
- Lindsay Pesheck

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Naomi Wilson
- Ryan Dean

OTHER GUESTS

- Chuck Ayers, Cascade Bicycle Club
- Chris Rule, Cascade Bicycle Club
- Dave Janis, Executive Director, Bicycle Alliance of Washington
- Monica DeWald, SDOT
- Pete Lagerway, SDOT
- Michael Snyder, Seattle Likes Bikes
- Howard Wu, liaison, Pedestrian Advisory Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of January minutes

INFORMATION & NEWS

- Dave Janis
 - BAW: 2800 members
 - \$200,000 BAW revenue generated from “Share The Road” license plates project
 - Complete Streets ordinance an example of cooperation with Cascade that is an example to areas across state
 - Three bills proposed currently:
 - Require that new and upgraded signals detect bicycles and motorcycles
 - City is testing video-camera activation of signals on Stone Way

- 3 foot law; change the current definition of safe passing of bicycles and pedestrians to “no less than three feet”. Eleven states currently have 3-foot laws.
 - Pete: will this law apply to cycle-cycle interactions
 - Dave: will look into this issue.
- When construction or repair is conducted on or adjacent to public thoroughfares, then needs of cyclists and pedestrians must be part of the implementation
 - Already should be required, but this would be more binding.
- National Bike Summit (League of American Bicyclists) March 10-12, 2009
- Blake: beyond Olympia, what are BAW goals for WA? Especially relating to Seattle?
 - Opening an office in Spokane
 - Safe Routes to School
 - Trainings around the state
 - Teaching how to apply for grants
 - Auburn is a success story: 6 school buses at one school decreased to 1 mainly due to sidewalks, multi-use paths, etc.
 - Work with schools
 - The busing of students in Seattle Public Schools makes some implementation of Safe Routes to School more difficult
 - Ann: Can the grant money go toward the placement of curb ramps along bike routes to school?
- Chuck Ayers
 - Cascade membership recently reached 11,500
 - 7,000 two years ago
 - Sponsored a variety of events in 2008
 - Nearly 1,300 free daily rides in 2008
 - Major Taylor Program
 - \$25,000 from King County to work with under privileged youth
 - Increase ridership among this group
 - 60 new bikes provided by Redline
 - Education in 2008
 - Variety of youth programs
 - “Bike Smart” funded through Bridging the Gap transportation levy
 - Variety of adult classes
 - Commuting in 2008
 - Hired full time Director of Commute Programming
 - Green Bike program with REI
 - Jeff: What do you consider your “jurisdiction”?
 - Mostly King County, some Pierce & Snohomish
 - Limited by resources
 - Can occasionally reach out to other locales, but is mostly a regional club
 - David Hiller is full-time lobbyist in Olympia
 - Advocacy in 2008
 - Hired a Principal Planner
 - Involved in passage of Prop. 1
 - State bike counts
 - Car-Free days
 - Metro Free Ride Area being opened to cyclists, but not during peak hours

- Ann: How involved are you with Metro?
 - Chuck: Only when there are issues.
 - 2009 Commute Program
 - Start corporate Consultancy Program
 - Bicycle-Business Partnership
 - Improve Cascade branding as a force in bike advocacy
 - Hire commute specialist
- Chris Rule
 - Burke Gilman Trail “Missing Link”
 - Certain Ballard businesses have appealed the environmental impact review of the Burke Gilman Trail “missing link” between Ballard/Fremont and Shilshole
 - Cascade filed a motion to be present in the appeal process
 - Widening of BGT in Lake Forest Park
 - Local initiatives
 - Seattle Great City Initiative
 - Streets for people campaign
 - Advocacy Training- Seattle and Statewide
 - Elections
 - Endorsements for Seattle City Council and other municipalities (King County Exec.)
 - Planning
 - Plan review and feedback for multiple municipalities
 - Stakeholder boards and committees for major projects
 - Crash reporting and mapping
 - Legislative priorities
 - Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC)
 - HB 1490 / SB 5687
 - Safe Routes to School
 - HB 1793 / SB 5743
 - Proposing tripling of funding
 - Might face opposition from WashDOT
 - Assault by Vehicle
 - SB 5838
 - Partners
 - Environmental Priorities Coalition
 - Statewide Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition
 - Transportation Advocacy Day (February 24th)
 - Federal
 - Transportation for American (t4america.org)
 - Stimulus
 - Met with Senator Murray’s staff today to discuss concerns
- Sean: SBAB 2009 Goals and calendar year update
 - Revised committee structure:
 - Evaluation and Planning
 - Engineering (Projects)
 - Enforcement (Admin)
 - Encouragement and Education (Outreach)
 - Big ideas for 2009

- Light Rail Station area planning
 - Neighborhood planning
 - Revisions to code
 - Revisions to road design manuals
 - Bicycle master plan oversight
 - Complete streets implementation
 - Ongoing feedback for bicycle solutions
 - Specific opportunities
 - SBAB meeting in SE Seattle
 - Bikability tour in SE Seattle
 - Code revision recommendations
 - Station area BMP revisions
 - Planning revision recommendations
 - Ongoing feedback and advice
 - Monica: Recommends using the scheduled update of the BMP to incorporate design recommendations around Light Rail stations
- Pete: In the next 3-6 months, there is an opportunity to impact neighborhood plans. Money provided for areas around Light Rail stations.
- Great City Initiative is spearheading an effort for assessing the green infrastructure in SE Seattle which could overlap nicely with our effort
 - Craig is involved and will keep SBAB informed

UPDATES & MILESTONES

- Monica DeWald – BMP update
 - New bike map is going to the printers
 - New bike racks installed (one on 12th Ave and one on Broadway)
 - SDOT will be coming back to SBAB with some guidelines and (possibly sketches) for bike parking / public art efforts
 - Bike facilities have been assessed in the wake of the recent snowstorm
 - Pete: Input is appreciated on how to approach regular street-sweeping with respect to bike lanes
- Committee updates
 - Jeff: Bridging the Gap Oversight Committee update
 - Megan Hoyt presented on BMP progress
 - Soliciting ideas on where to place bike racks
 - Very clear opportunity for SBAB input (within 2 weeks)
 - \$1.5 million for neighborhood projects
 - Discussions on how to distribute funds
 - Challenge to Burke Gilman “missing link”
 - SBAB doesn’t necessarily have an urgent role in the current environment impact objection to SDOT’s proposal
 - Cascade will have access to the process and will be able to call expert witnesses in the proceedings

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:23